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Asst. Commissioner for Patents
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Attn: Patent Application Branch

RE: Filing of Patent Application
"EXPRESS MAIL" LABEL NUMBER: EL175079877US
Our File: B208-1086

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a patent application of Masahiko Morita for an IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS, the application comprising a Specification of 41 pages; 24 numbered Claims, including 3 Independent numbered Claims; 10 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-10); an Abstract and our check in the amount of \$762.00 in payment of the filing fee, which has been calculated as follows: \$690.00 base filing fee and \$72.00 for four claims in excess of twenty.

A "Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application" will be filed at a later date.

Claim will be made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 for the benefit of the filing date of Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 11-077369 (filed March 23, 1999), a certified copy of which will be filed in due course.

Authorization is given for the charging of any further fee for effecting filing to our Deposit Account 18-1644.

Respectfully submitted

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